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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Eustasio A. Cepeda was posthumously recognized by
2 the Austin History Center in conjunction with its exhibit *Mexican*
3 *American Firsts: Trailblazers of Austin and Travis County*; and

4 WHEREAS, Honoring the important contributions made by
5 Mexican Americans to Central Texas, the Austin History Center and
6 its association joined with the Austin Public Library to organize
7 the show, which ran from August 21, 2010, through January 16, 2011;
8 *Mexican American Firsts: Trailblazers of Austin and Travis County*
9 celebrated the pioneering achievements of 32 remarkable men and
10 women and provided the public with an opportunity to learn more
11 about their lives; and

12 WHEREAS, One such individual, Eustasio Cepeda, was honored
13 for his achievements in public service; after immigrating to Austin
14 to escape the Mexican Revolution, he and others began advocating
15 for the establishment of a Mexican consulate office in the Capitol
16 City, and succeeded in their goal three years later; and

17 WHEREAS, Deemed by some the unofficial first Mexican consul
18 in Austin because of his efforts, Mr. Cepeda was an active member of
19 numerous civic and patriotic organizations, and many of the state's
20 elected leaders, including Governors Miriam "Ma" Ferguson, James
21 Allred, Wilbert Lee "Pappy" O'Daniel, Coke Stevenson, Beauford
22 Jester, and Allan Shivers, looked to him for advice and
23 information; he passed away in 1972, and in 1998 the City of Austin
24 dedicated the Eustasio Cepeda Branch Library in his memory; and

1 WHEREAS, Through his outstanding accomplishments, Eustasio
2 Cepeda made a positive difference in his community, and his legacy
3 is a source of pride and inspiration to many people; now, therefore,
4 be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Eustasio A. Cepeda, a
7 Mexican American Trailblazer of Austin and Travis County.